under the Minimum Needs Programme. However, the performance under the programme is revised in inter-ministerial meetings from time to time.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) An amount of Rs. 4282.07 crores was allocated for the Minimum Needs Programme during 1991-92.

20-Point Programme

*115. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 20-Point Programme is likely to be compressed into a 5-Point Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Setting up of Newsprint Industries

*116. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some proposals for setting up of newsprint industries are pending with the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details of such proposals State-wise; and

(c) the time by which these proposals are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

(c) Government will take a view on these proposals in accordance with established procedures.

STATEMENT

Uttar Pradesh

(i) An application dated 9.1.1991 from Shri R.K. Aggarwal for grant of letter of Intent for manufacture of (i) Sugar (45,000 tonnes), (ii) Newsprint (30,000 tonnes) and (iii) Industrial Alcohol/Potable Alcohol (28,000 tonnes) in district Ghaziabad (U.P.) at a total capital cost of Rs. 81 crores.

Assam

(i) An application dated 17.2.1992 from Hindustan Paper Corporation Ltd., (Central Public Sector) for the grant of Letter of Intent for manufacture of 20,000 tonnes per annum of Newsprint within the overall licensed capacity of 1 lakh tonnes of paper and paper boards at its Cachar Paper Mill in Assam, involving installation of some balancing equipment valued at Rs. 3 crores.

(ii) An application dated 17.2.1992 from Hindustan Paper Corporation Ltd., (Central Public Sector) for the grant of Letter of Intent for manufacture of 20,000 tonnes per annum of newsprint within the overall licensed capacity of 1 lakh tonnes of paper and paper boards at its Nagaon Paper Mill in Assam.

Andhra Pradesh

(i) An application dated 10.9.91 from Andhra Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation Limited for the grant of Letter of Intent for manufacture of Sugar (1.2 Lakh Tonnes), Newsprint (1 Lakh Tonnes) and Printing/Writing Paper (1 Lakh Tonnes) in District East Godavari at total estimated cost of Rs. 750 crores.

Nagaland

(i) An application dated 26.2.92 from M/s Nagaland Pulp & Paper Co. Limited for grant of Letter of Intent for manufacture of 20,000 tonnes of Newsprint within the overall licensed capacity of 33,000 tonnes of Pulp & Paper at its existing mill.

[*Translation*]

Industrially Backward Districts in Bihar

*117. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the industrially backward districts in Bihar;

(b) the steps taken by the Government for industrial development of these districts and the type of industries to which priority is being given by the Union Government; and

(c) the time by which licences are likely to be issued in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) The names of centrally declared backward districts in Bihar are;- Bhagalpur, Champaran, Darbhanga, Muzaffarpur, Palamau, Purnea, Saharasa, Santhal Parganas, Saran, Nalanda, Aurangabad, Nawadah, Gaya, Bhojpur, Begusarai, Monghyr Khagaria and Madhepur.

(b) and (c). For promoting industrialisation of backward areas, Government have announced a Growth Centre Scheme to be implemented during the VIII Five Year Plan. The growth centres would be endowed with basic infrastructural facilities like power, water, telecommunications and banking. Under this scheme, Bihar has been allotted six growth centres, five of which have been selected and announced. Four out of the five are in the backward districts of Aurangabad, Bhagalpur, Muzaffarpur and Purnea.

Government have not identified any priority industries for the backward areas. In the case of industries subject of compulsory licensing, backward areas are given consideration while granting letters of intent.

[*English*]

Crisis in Single Super Phosphate Industry

*118. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH :
SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the serious problems being faced by the fertilizer units producing single super phosphate all over the country;

(b) the total number of SSP units in the country and the number out of these closed recently, together with the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have received any memorandum in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken to overcome the situation?